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Applicant: AUGUSTIJN, Jeroen et al. Conf. No.: 9799
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For: AN ASSEMBLY COMPRISING AN ELECTRICAL
ELEMENT

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 13, 2002

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are now pending in the present application.

The Examiner has given the following Restriction Requirement:

Group I, claims 1-21 and 29-33, drawn to an assembly; and

Group II, claims 22-28, drawn to a method of assembling an assembly.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-21 and 29-33 drawn to an assembly. This election is with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden

on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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